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Fiscal Year 2023 Expense Priorities

1. Increase funding for senior meals and kitchen staff salaries in senior centers and home-delivered meals (DFTA)

Explanation: No seniors are denied a meal through this program, which means some senior centers must dig deeper than others to keep up with demand, therefore more funding would help meet this need.

2. Increase funding for home delivered meals (DFTA)

Explanation: Home-delivered meals provide access to nutritious and balanced meals, promote overall health, and support their ability to live independently in their communities. As NYC is ending COVID emergency meals, it is necessary to ensure funding for home-delivered meal program.

3. Increase funding to expand access to after school programs for elementary and high schools (DYCD)

Explanation: CB 3 is home to more than 17,000 children under 18 years of age, many of whom attend after school programs through Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS a), which is made up of over 800 programs serving K-12 and SONYC serving grades 6-8. Many of these much-needed programs in the Lower East Side have waitlists.

4. Baseline Stabilizing NYC Program (HPD)

Explanation: The Stabilizing NYC Program defends low-income tenants in predatory equity buildings from harassment and eviction and holds landlords accountable for predatory practices. This is currently a City Council initiative funded through discretionary funding. Baselineing this program would allow for more strategic planning for out-years.

5. NORCs (DFTA)

Explanation: NORCs in CD 3, of which there are six, provide Supportive Services Programs to maximize and support the successful aging in place of older residents. Many of the City's NORCs can access health and social services in their own buildings, building complexes or locally within their neighborhoods. These programs are a model for bringing necessary care and support to seniors living in age-integrated buildings or neighborhoods.

6. Increase funding for more Safe Haven and stabilization beds (DHS)

Explanation: CB 3 is currently experiencing a crisis with the street homeless population. Safe Haven beds are low-threshold housing that enable street homeless to transition to housing and have proven effective. Currently there are not always beds available, especially in home neighborhoods, and people who are living on the street have had to wait for this form of shelter. Single-person units are needed to accommodate those who are not prepared to accept beds in 2-person units.

7. Increase funding for more Manhattan Outreach Consortium homeless outreach workers and supervisors (5 additional staff) (DHS)

Explanation: These trained specialists develop trusting relationships with homeless people. The teams connect people in need of services such as medical and psychiatric care, food and shelter, while helping them transition into permanent housing. The increase in the number of people who are homeless on CD 3 streets along with the need to have some teams expanded to 3 people for safety require additional staff.

8. Increase funding for Beacon programs (DYCD)

Explanation: Beacon programs exist in school-based community centers and serve children during after school hours, weekends, school vacation periods and the summer months. There are more than 17,000 children in CD 3 that can benefit from these programs.

9. Increase funding for SYEP (DYCD)

Explanation: This is the nation's largest youth employment program. Increasing and baselining funding will make sure more applicants are connected with job placements. The program was cancelled in summer 2020 and reinstated at reduced level after demand from community and service.

10. Parks Maintenance Staff (Parks)

Explanation: Additional funds are needed to increase year-round workforce for parks maintenance so that there is less of a need to rely on temporary or seasonal staff.

11. Recreation Programs (Parks)

Explanation: Playground Associates provide seasonal recreation activities for children and also maintain facilities and grounds and organize events.

12. Workforce development/Jobs Plus (HRA)

Explanation: Jobs-Plus provides NYCHA residents an assessment, job readiness, training, job search assistance, along with wrap-around referrals for social supports, and child support services. This funding should be expanded so that every NYCHA development, including all those in CD 3, can be offered this programming.

13. Rat Mitigation Zone Collection (DSNY)

Explanation: DSNY has reduced collection services in rat mitigation zones. CD 3 is a rat mitigation zone because it has one of the most serious rodent problems in NYC. Outdoor dining has exacerbated the need for more extensive mitigation as well as more pick-ups needed. and loss of collection services will have rat mitigation back on track.

14. Tree pruning and stump removal (Parks)

Explanation: Funding would go towards keeping up with demand for pruning and stump removal requests.

15. Additional Parks Enforcement Police (Parks)

Explanation: Parks Enforcement Police provide a uniformed presence where they safeguard Parks properties and facilities and enforce rules and regulations regarding quality-of-life.

16. Increased funding for Bridging the Gap program (DOE)

Explanation: This program focuses investments to add social worker and support staff to schools with high homeless population.

17. Increase funding for staffing for grounds maintenance and building maintenance (NYCHA)

Explanation: The Manhattan staffing has not been adequate to meet the needs of building maintenance and grounds maintenance, which are crucial staff positions needed to support our NYCHA buildings.

18. Increase funding for waste management staff and operations at NYCHA buildings (NYCHA)

Explanation: Waste management staff and operations funding will help to combat waste and rodent issues and support important physical improvements, which address these problems but are below the capital project funding threshold.

19. Increase funding for school nurses (DOE)

Explanation: At the beginning of the pandemic less than 40% of schools had a full-time nurse on staff. Funding should be increased to ensure a full-time nurse at every school.

20. Jobs to Build On (HRA)

Explanation: This program offers low-income non-NYCHA residents an assessment, job readiness, training, job search assistance, along with wrap-around referrals for social supports, and child support services. It is currently funded by City Council but should be baselined by HRA so that agencies can offer consistent programming and it will not be in danger of being cut every year.

21. Increased Sanitation pick-ups for NYCHA developments (DSNY)

Explanation: Some NYCHA developments, especially those without compactors, have bags of garbage sitting on the campus or at the curb for several days. This attracts other garbage and feeds rats. DSNY needs increased funding to add necessary additional pick-ups.

22. Increased Sanitation pick-ups for Schools (DSNY)

Explanation: Some schools have bags of garbage sitting on the campus or at the curb for several days, especially when preparing to open or close the schools or prepare for holidays. DSNY needs increased funding to add necessary additional pick-ups.

23. Increased Litter Basket Service (DSNY)

Explanation: Weekday, Sunday and holiday basket service has been reduced for the current year because of lack of funding. Basket service must be restored and expanded as CD 3 is a rat mitigation zone and also has many restaurants resulting in more visitors/ overflowing litter baskets. DSNY is still below pre-COVID levels of basket pick-ups. However, Open Restaurants have increased the amount of garbage because increased restaurant capacity has increased the number of people, especially on weekends. Especially on weekends baskets are overflowing, even with the additional cleaning and bagging by workers funded by Council discretionary funding. CD 3 streets have become are filthy and have piles of garbage between sheds and sidewalk seating and residential garbage is places in whatever space available due to traditional locations now taken up with restaurant sheds.

24. Bridge Training (HRA)

Explanation: he Bridge program is currently funded by City Council. This is pre-apprenticeship training that connects the specific skills needed to succeed in the advance tech training The City had promised funding but has not fully funded and baselined this program that will expand job opportunities.

25. Increase funding for Cornerstone programs (DYCD)

Explanation: Cornerstone programs serves students and their families year-round in NYCHA community centers.